

## UNMUZZLED DOGS BRING OWNERS INTO COURT

Nineteen Alexandrians Summoned to Explain Freedom of Canine Pets. Ten Are Fined.

### POULTRY SHOW WORKERS MEET

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 29.—Owners of nineteen unmuzzled dogs were cited to appear in the Police Court today for permitting their dogs to roam the streets without the required muzzle. Seventeen of those cited put in their appearance and ten were fined \$5 each. Seven, who gave satisfactory excuses to the court, were acquitted.

A straight plea of guilty was entered by only one of the accused parties, who paid his fine without an excuse. Recently Alexandria suffered from a mad-dog scare, when several people living in Rosemont, just west of this city, were bitten by a dog said to be suffering from rabies.

Miss Jessie Irene Woodyard and Lewis E. Butts, both of this city, were married tonight at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. F. Watson, pastor. The bride was attended by Miss Marie Butts, sister of the bridegroom, while the bridegroom had for his best man William Woodyard, brother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Butts will reside in this city.

A meeting of those interested in the poultry show to be held January 14-17 will be held Friday night at the office of Harris White. Preparations for the affair are rapidly being completed.

According to announcements made by the local board of civil service examiners, a large number of examinations will be held in this city during the month of January.

Arthur Downey held number 7,113, which drew the lot at Herwin, Md., offered by Mr. Schaffer.

The Second Presbyterian Church Sunday school tonight held its annual Christmas celebration, which was largely attended. An interesting musical program was given.

### STARVING JAPS SELL DAUGHTERS

Worst Famine in Years Grips Two Provinces.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—Japanese in the provinces of Aomori and Hokkaido are suffering from the worst famine since 1908, on account of the failure of the crops and excessive thousands of persons are starving.

Many parents are reported to be selling their daughters to keepers of resorts in Tokyo, where butchers of girls are arriving. Others are said to have been sold to foreign white slave dealers for shipment abroad.

There have been runs on many of the local banks, and the government intends to appropriate \$100,000 for the relief of the banks and the starving peasantry.

### GERMANY SEEKS RECIPROCITY.

Would Bargain with United States. Foreign Office Intimates.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Limited reciprocity between Germany and the United States may result from negotiations for trade concessions.

Although Germany today refused the request of the United States for the "most favored nation" treatment of American steel, rubber goods and other commodities, it was hinted that this government is willing to bargain for this concession if the United States would make a similar offer in return.

### SPANISH CITY FIRE SWEEP.

Picturesque San Sebastian Suffers Heavy Damage.

San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 29.—This city, one of the most picturesque in Spain, was swept by fire today and partly destroyed. Within several hours after the flames broke out more than thirty buildings, including two dozen residences and the circus theater were destroyed and the barracks were threatened.

A similar fire swept the city just 96 hours ago in 1912. San Sebastian is the summer home of the royal family.

### MINE BLAST KILLS THREE.

Premature Explosion in Indiana Shaft Proves Fatal.

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 29.—Three men were killed and one injured today in a premature explosion of a shot fire in the Indiana Creek mine here.

Wives and children of the miners who were believed to be in the mine at the time of the explosion quickly gathered at the mouth of the shaft and waited anxiously for news.

### FORMER OFFICIAL INDICTED.

Two Accused of Perjury in Bank Failure Case.

New York, Dec. 29.—Former City Comptroller Edward M. Grant and T. Ashley today were indicted by the Kings County grand jury, on a charge of perjury in connection with the failure of the Union Bank of Brooklyn in 1912.

Later both entered pleas of "not guilty." Grant formerly was president of the bank.

### GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE OFF.

Thousands Apply for Unconditional Reinstatement.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Numerous garment workers of the 100 who went on strike July 14 applied at the factories here today for reinstatement. The manufacturers say the backbone of the strike is broken, and that their former hands are returning unconditionally.

The strike has been the longest and the bitterest here in many years.

### AERO SLEDGES FOR EXPLORER.

Lieut. Shackleton to Take Six Men on Antarctic Dash.

London, Dec. 29.—Lieut. Shackleton announces that the party that will accompany him in his next attempt to cross the antarctic ice, 1,700 miles from sea to sea, will be made up of six men, 120 dogs, and two sledges, which will be driven by airplane propellers. These sledges also will be supplied with wings.

### QUEEN MILENA SINKING.

Daughter Summoned to Bedside from Rome.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The condition of Queen Milena, of Montenegro, is worse today, according to a dispatch from Cetinje. Her majesty's daughter, Queen Elena, of Italy, has been summoned to the bedside, and the worst is feared at any moment.

## Daily Short Story

### SOMEBODY'S DOG.

By CHARLES BROWN.

"You will find your future husband through the medium of a large dog." So the fortune teller had told Miss Cathy Raymond, and had charged her only twenty-five cents for the telling.

"You will find your future wife through the medium of a bench tree." So the same fortune teller had told young Mr. Egbert Duran an hour later and a mile away. Both patrons had laughed at the predictions, but both had half believed it.

"Why not? It is given to certain persons to tell what is going to happen a hundred years ahead, and they dispense the information for twenty-five cents." Miss Cathy Raymond lived with her parents in the suburbs of Truxton. Mr. Egbert Duran lived with his brother a mile away. That is, he gravitated between his brother's home and his apartments in the city. He had graduated as a naturalist, and just at this time was making a collection for a college.

One day Miss Cathy sat on the veranda reading and fell asleep. The book was a love story, with plenty of heroes and heroines in it, but drowsiness and then sleep came to the reader. She might have slept ten minutes when something cold touched her hand and she awoke with a scream. A big, strange dog had touched her hand with his cold nose.

Miss Cathy's great-grandfather had fallen at Bunker Hill, and although he had scrambled up again as soon as possible and legged it off the field he had given his descendants a strain of blood that made heroes of them. But for this fact the girl would have acted like the average girl when she woke up to look into the eyes of a dog half as big as a woodchuck. She would have tumbled out of her chair in a faint and perhaps broken a limb or two.

What she did was to throw the book against the dog's head, and to yell, "Get out!" in a voice so loud that it stopped an auto that was passing. What the dog did was to make such haste to seek a haven of safety that he overturned two chairs and three potted plants.

There was the big dog, but strangely enough the girl did not connect his advent with the prophecy of her future husband. This shows how forgetful some girls become of their future welfare.

It was a month later that Miss Cathy decided to take a mile walk to the post office. She had covered half the distance when a fierce growling came to her ears, and she looked about to see that same great dog half hidden behind a big thistle and meditating a fierce attack.

Although Miss Cathy's great-grandfather fell at Bunker Hill and got up again, she didn't care to be devoured by a dog on that account. She uttered a scream and turned about, and took to her heels, and much to her surprise, and joy she reached home without a bite.

"Whose dog can it be, I wonder?" queried the father.

"Lands only knows, but he seems to be down on me," she replied.

"Does he take an antipathy to certain persons?"

"Yes, I have heard so, and I'll show this canine that the rule works both ways. Hereafter I shall carry my revolver, and if there is any more funny business, there'll be a dead dog to show for it."

"If you only knew the name of the owner you could write him a note requesting that the dog be shut up as a dangerous nuisance."

"How am I going to find the owner, and if I did he might be some mean man who'd be glad that his dog was bothering somebody. No, I'll give the canine a bullet!"

Still in connection between the big dog

and that 2-cent prophecy! Such a girl as that deserves to live and die an old maid!

A few days later Miss Cathy went fishing. It was in the river half a mile away, and as she thought of the dog she hunted up her revolver. The dog had a right to wander around, but he must keep his distance from her.

Miss Cathy had fished for an hour, and had had pretty fair luck, and had forgotten that there was a big or a little dog on this earth, when she got a jolt. That big dog came dashing down on her from the rear with a howl and a growl, and though he just missed her, he struck her basket of fish and sent it into the water. He then ran off a distance of fifty feet and sat down and waited for that bullet.

It came after a moment, and five more followed it. One of the bullets may have come within five feet of the target, but it is doubtful. When the last bullet had been fired the dog growled and went his way.

"Father, I won't be bothered this way any longer!" exclaimed the girl when she reached home.

"More dog?" he asked.

"Yes!"

"Didn't you have your revolver?"

"Yes, and shot at him."

"And never touched a hair?"

"He even laughed at me when I got through shooting! You must surely hunt up the owner and compel him to suppress that dog."

"But I can't tell him that the dog has ever harmed you."

"But he's frightened me."

"I think he's simply a playful animal."

"Oh, you do, eh? A playful dog has eyes of fire, has he? He growls like a hungry wolf, does he? He itches to bury his fangs in some one's throat, does he?"

"Well, I will make inquiries," said the father.

"If you don't, I will, and I'll go to see the owner, too, and tell him what's what."

Here was the third time the girl had encountered the big strange dog, that was to be the medium of her marriage, and even yet her memory had not gone back and picked up the words of the fortune teller.

The first front had come, and hazelnuts were ripe. There were cooings of them in the highway. All Miss Cathy had to do was to put on an old hat and jacket and trip along.

"Look out for that dog!" called the mother after her.

For answer the daughter held up the revolver she hadn't forgotten to place in her basket.

Hazelnuts have a taste that is simply delicious. The only drawback is picking the burr off, shaking out the nuts, and then cracking them. Whenever they send a graffer to prison they ought to make him prepare hazelnut meats for at least fifty honest men outside.

The girl kept her eye out for the dog for a few minutes, and became so interested in her work that a sudden bay from down the highway almost jumped her out of her shoes.

"That dog! That dog!" she gasped. She had her revolver, but she took flight when the bay came again and sounded nearer. She thought of bloodhounds and started off on a run, but she hadn't gone fifty feet when it came to her that she must climb a tree. There was one to the right with low-growing branches, and in a minute she was ten feet high and out of the dog's reach. He came up on the run. He barked, he howled, he growled and gurgled and circled the tree.

But the canine's doom had arrived. Miss Cathy had hung on to that deadly revolver. She now pointed the muzzle at the beast, shut her eyes good and tight and pulled the trigger six times.

"What the deuce you shooting at no dog for?"

The girl peered down between the

branches and saw a young man about thirty feet away.

"I am talking to you up that tree."

"He was a good-looking young man. 'Mighty good thing you didn't hurt him with that pop-gun of yours, but I'd like to punch your head for trying to.' 'Please go away!' (from up the tree.) 'You come down and get your ears cut off.'"

"I can't! I'm a-a girl!"

"The deuce you are!"

"And you must go away so I can come down and go home!"

"Beg pardon, and I'll go."

He went, and Miss Cathy scrambled down with a good deal less grace than she had scrambled up. She was humiliated. She was mad. She wanted to scratch and bite and kick. She reached home to find down on a chair and weep. She thought it likely that Mr. Duran would be along soon to make excuses about that dog and oh, how she would tongue-lash him! She was right in her guess. Mr. Duran came.

No bomb was exploded under him. His dog-gone excuses about the dog were accepted. That was last fall and there is an engagement by this time.

## BABY, FROZEN, THEN THROWN IN FIRE, LIVES

Boys Find Box Imbedded in Ice and Toss It Into Bonfire—Cry Claims Infant Inside.

New York, Dec. 29.—Wrapped in a flannel gown in a pasteboard box, which had frozen to the ice in an abandoned quarry in West New York, a baby boy, fourteen days old, was found today by William Halliday, thirteen, of Weehawken, N. J. The infant is now at the North Hudson Hospital doing nicely. There is no clue to the identity of the parents.

Halliday and his chums had built a bonfire and in a search for fuel found the box. With a hatchet they cut the box from the ice, and carried it to the bonfire. As they placed it on the burning embers they heard the infant cry. Halliday rushed with the box to his home where his mother unwrapped the little stranger and gave it nourishment.

The hospital surgeons declare the baby must have been left in the quarry late Sunday night, otherwise would not have lived until found the next morning.

## RAILROAD FORESTALLS STRIKERS

Prisco Installs Telephone Dispatching System to Replace Telegraph.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—There was no strike of telegraphers on the Frisco line today. The Frisco company defeated the plans of the operators to walk out at noon today, and this morning every office on the Frisco system's main line was equipped with telephone service.

The operators who reported for duty found that there were no jobs.

## 25 FISHERMEN RESCUED.

Tugs Try to Save Valuable Cargo of Stranded Schooner.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Twenty-four men were rescued today from the fishing schooner Lavina, which had been driven ashore on Ram's Head bar last night by a terrific wind. Tugs brought the Lavina's crew to Boston.

There are 12,000 pounds of fish in the hold of the schooner, and tugs are trying to save the cargo before the stranded vessel goes to pieces.

Tremadilla Mountain, near Morristown, England, on which the Swansea corporation has spent several thousands of pounds in providing municipal houses for workers, appears to be gradually sliding toward the river.

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